

## THE GAZETTE.

TUESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 10, 1858.

## CURIOSITIES OF COMMERCE.

Turning over the pages of the Cyclopaedia of Commerce, just published, a few matters attracted our attention as curiosities, which we propose to transcribe for our readers.—We were looking for the small things in commerce—matters that, in taking a magnificent, broad, and comprehensive view, would be overlooked—just as the invention of the greatest improvement for domestic purposes would be overlooked and unnoticed in the homely attire when placed in exhibition and surrounded by works of polished art, costly machinery, and gorgeous furniture. A humble inventor once placed in such an exhibition a few bunches of friction matches.—They were unnoticed. Visitors were there looking for some great thing, not realizing that the despised package of splints, tipped with chemical fire, was the greatest thing in that proud collection, destined to work a revolution in the means of procuring artificial light, and to become a universal necessity, to be deprived of which would be one of the greatest inconveniences that could happen.

It is not more than twenty years ago since the friction-box was in universal use. It is abolished now. The invention of the friction match spread slowly; but who at that time would venture to say they could do without it? Insignificant as they appear to be, single friction, with expensive machinery, cut up large raft of timber annually for matches.

Under the head of a pin we find that the manufacture of this indispensable instrument was commenced in the United States between 1812 and 1820, since which time the business has increased greatly, and several patents for the manufacture of pins have been taken out. The manufacture in England and other parts of Europe is conducted upon improvements made in the United States. Notwithstanding the extent of our own production, the United States imported in 1856 pins to the value of \$40,255.

Still keeping our attention directed to small things we find that the imports of needles into this country in 1856 amounted to \$240,000. It is said that needles were first made in England in the time of the bloody Mary by a negro from Spain; but he would not impart his secret; it was lost at his death, and not recovered again till 1568, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, when a German brought it to the greatest perfection. It is stated that the construction of a needle requires about 120 operations, but are rapidly and uninterruptedly successive.

The temperance people will find argument to enforce their doctrines in the fact that 41,071,996 bushels of grain, paying \$25,000,000 duty, are annually converted into malt in Great Britain for ale and porter. It may reasonably be inferred that a great quantity of these beverages is drunk in this country.

Ground nut oil is an institution with Young America, 800 tons having been imported into the United States from Gambin in one year. We, however, dissent from the encyclopedia when he says they are most used here as a desert, roasted as chestnuts are elsewhere. But France is the great market for ground nuts, where they are used for oil, of which they contain large quantities. The insignificant hazel-nut, so agreeable to the palate, but so difficult to get, is exported from Taragona to the extent of 25,000 or 30,000 bags, of four to the ton. A kind of chocolate is prepared from them, and they sometimes have been made into bread. The pressed oil of hazel-nuts is little inferior to that of almonds.

The original inventor of the Ayrshire snuff-box was a cripple, hardly possessing the power of locomotion. They are made of wood, admirably joined, painted and varnished, and were first manufactured only sixty years since. Instead of taking out a patent, the inventor entrusted his secret to a joiner in the village, who, in a few years, amassed a great fortune, while the other died, and he had lived in the greatest poverty. Speaking snuff-boxes, snuff taking took its rise in England in 1702.

Under the head of hair, the Cyclopaedia says, that 200,000 pounds weight of women's hair, is annually sold in France, that the price paid for it is usually six cents an ounce. One hundred thousand roses are required to give a yield of 188 grains of attar or oil of roses.

A bale of Sea Island cotton weighs 333 pounds and measures 35 inches in length, while a bale of East India cotton weighs 283 pounds and only measures 15 cubic feet—a fact of great importance in the question of transportation. What makes the great difference in cubic proportions?

CITY TAXPAYERS are notified that they can save four cents by paying their tax bills in full, on or before the 20th of August. Office in Market House Building.

WESLEY AVERY, Collector S. D. JOHN A. FIELD, Collector N. D. aug 6-dtd

**\$200 REWARD**—Broke out of the Alexandria County Jail, on Sunday night last, the 18th inst. JAMES TRAMMELL and JAMES SMITH.

Trammell is about five feet 6 or 8 inches in height, full face, dark eyes and hair, thick lips, good teeth, and about 26 or 28 years of age. Smith is slender built, about 5 feet 9 inches high, brown hair, light eyes, oval face, and prominent mouth, and shows his teeth when talking—his age is about 21 years.

It is supposed that the prisoners received aid from friends outside of the jail, who are now using every effort to conceal them.

The above reward will be paid for the apprehension of the prisoners, or one hundred dollars for either of them. LEVI HURDLE, Jailor Alexandria County. jy 21-tf

**\$200 REWARD**—Runaway from the service of Rev. J. P. McGuire, Episcopal High School, Fairfax County, Va., on Saturday, 10th inst., Negro Man—OSCAR PAYNE, aged about 30 years, 5 feet 4 inches in height, square built, mulatto color, thick bushy suit of hair, round full face, and when spoken to has a pleasant manner—clothes not recollected.

I will give \$200 for his recovery if taken out of the State, or \$150 if taken in the State, and secured so that I get him in cash, at all places, on or before the 10th of August.

**SUMMER DRINKS**—Silver Medal premium MINERAL WATER, Carbonated Champagne, and pure CRAB CIDER, ALE and PORTER, several varieties, all of them superior to, and cheaper than any now to be had in town; TEMPERANCE CREAM MEAD, an excellent article for children and adults liable to constipation.

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## FOWLE &amp; CO.,

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## PERUVIAN GUANO

IMPORTED

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IN BAGS AND BARRELS. A VERY EX-

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Analysis by Dr. R. H. Stabler:

Organic matter, yielding ammonia..... 14.55

Water..... 85.45

Phosphate of Lime..... 60.88

Magnesia..... 10.19

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100

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Having accepted the Agency for the sale of this

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Animal matter..... 14.30

Water..... 18.40

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Warranted equal to any ever offered to the

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Organic matter..... 29.10

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Alexandria, jy 24-3m tf

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Epidemic diseases. To all persons afflicted with

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EZRA D. HEARTWELL, President.

Philadelphia, sep 4-dtdmkyw

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oct 31-tf

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ALEXANDRIA, VA.—Pursuant to a decree

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aug 6

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